Essential drugs under Drugs Price Control Order

759. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry has certified that all the drugs which now remain under Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 are essential;

(b) on what basis the essentiality of drugs was determined;

(c) whether his ministry has drawn up any list of essential drugs;

(d) if so, the names thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Kelkar Committee has relied on WHO list for the purpose to essentiality in certain cases and in other the certificate of essentiality by his ministry; and

(f) what are the names of drugs considered essential by his ministry which are not covered under the essential list of WHO and what are the considerations on which essentiality has been determined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The list of essential drugs under Category I and Category II was finalised by the Kelkar Committee. The criteria for selection is given in their report.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) World Health Organisation list of essential drug was not the exclusive criteria for Kelkar Committee for identifying essential drug and for categorisation.

(f) Drugs required for National Health Programmes listed under Category I of Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987 also figure in World Health Organisation's essential drug list.

Essentiality of drugs

760. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee had sought advice from his ministry in respect to essentiality of Masterolone, Hydroprogesterone Carproate, Hydroprogesterone Acetate, Norethisterone and combination of Norgestrol plus Ethinyl Estradiol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the indication for which each is used and what are the side effects and contraindications of each drug;

(d) the names of the drugs or combinations of drugs used for National Family Planning Programme;

(e) whether his ministry has allowed marketing of any of these drugs in combination with other drugs; and

(f) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indications/side effects and contra-indications of the drugs under question are given in the enclosed statement (*See below*).

(d) Oral contraceptive containing estrogen and progesterone in different ratio. Iron salts and folic acid are used under the National Family Welfare Programme including Maternal and Child Health.

(e) and (f) Combination of Norethisterone Norgestral and Ethinyl Estradial have been allowed for marketing.